

Democracy Grants Program

Application Guidelines

The purpose of the Democracy Grants Program is to assist Romanian independent, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organizations in their efforts to consolidate democracy in Romania.

The program funds projects in such areas as civic education and promotion of civil society, including rule of law and market economy; outreach to the Muslim community and other minority populations; outreach to youth; training for independent media professionals; and teaching tolerance via the study of English.

- Project proposals must be in English.
- Grants can be between \$40,000 and \$100,000. Budgets should be in U.S. dollars. All budget items included should be related to project activities.
- Salaries and honoraria should be in accordance to rate of pay and percentage of time spent on project-related activities.
- Maximum period of project is 24 months.
- These are one-time grants. To ensure sustainability, partnerships are encouraged with other NGOs, businesses and local governments.
- All applications must include measurable indicators demonstrating how the project will evaluate its success.
- Organizations may apply via email at: pdgrants@state.gov using the standard application format provided.

Successful applications will focus on projects that include “actions”, for example, youth leadership projects which provide opportunities for youth not just to learn about the qualities of a good leader, but to be given the opportunity through a mentoring program to see and develop leadership skills.

Grantees are expected to submit interim and final reports as well as electronic visual documentation of the project as it proceeds.

American organizations and individuals are not eligible for these grants, including American/Romanian joint ventures that are funded by the American participant. Also non-eligible are projects relating to partisan political activity, charitable activity and humanitarian aid, fund-raising campaigns, commercial projects.

Grant applications are reviewed by the Democracy Commission at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, and by officers at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. Proposals are evaluated according to the topic of the project, clearly formulated goals and target groups, and the ability of the applying organization to carry out the project aims. Democracy Grants projects are listed on the U.S. Embassy website.